



Neutral Crosswalk Marking Policy #2026-01

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish a clear and neutral standard for crosswalk markings within the Town of Manning.

This policy confirms that only standard crosswalk markings shall be permitted on municipal roadways moving forward, while exempting non-standard crosswalks installed prior to the adoption of this policy.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all municipally owned and maintained roadways within the Town of Manning.

3. Definitions

Standard Crosswalk:

A crosswalk marked in accordance with Alberta legislation, regulations, and traffic control standards, typically consisting of white parallel lines or ladder-style markings using approved road-marking materials.

Non-Standard Crosswalk:

Any crosswalk that includes colours, patterns, symbols, artistic elements, text, logos, or any markings beyond the required white traffic control markings.

Existing Non-Standard Crosswalk:

Any non-standard crosswalk approved prior to the effective date of this policy.

4. Policy Statement

1. The Town of Manning shall permit only **standard crosswalk markings** on all municipal roadways.
2. No new non-standard painted crosswalks shall be approved, including but not limited to crosswalks containing:
 - Decorative colours;
 - Symbols or artistic elements;
 - Flags or emblems;
 - Political, religious, or social messaging;
 - Commercial advertising or logos.



3. Crosswalk markings must comply with all applicable provincial legislation, including Alberta's Traffic Safety Act and associated regulations, and must meet recognized traffic engineering standards.

5. Rationale

The Town recognizes that crosswalks are traffic control devices intended primarily to enhance pedestrian safety and roadway clarity. Limiting crosswalk markings to standard designs ensures:

- Clear and consistent driver recognition;
- Reduced roadway distraction;
- Compliance with provincial standards;
- Municipal neutrality;
- Administrative fairness and consistency.

6. Exemption for Existing Crosswalk Designs

1. Any Existing Non-Standard Crosswalk approved prior to adoption of this policy is exempt from the requirements of this policy and may remain in place.
2. Existing Non-Standard Crosswalks shall not be repainted in their non-standard design once they require maintenance, replacement, or roadway rehabilitation.
3. Upon replacement or significant maintenance, Existing Non-Standard Crosswalks shall be restored to a Standard Crosswalk design.
4. Council retains the authority to direct the removal or conversion of any Existing Non-Standard Crosswalk where safety or operational concerns arise.

7. Administration

Public Works shall be responsible for:

- Ensuring all new crosswalk installations meet standard design requirements;
- Maintaining crosswalk markings in accordance with municipal and provincial standards;
- Converting non-standard crosswalks to standard designs when replacement is required.

8. Policy Review

- This policy shall be reviewed at least once every four (4) years or as required to ensure alignment with legislative requirements and best practices in traffic safety.



Approved by Council Motion #26-15892

Date: February 25, 2026

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April Doll, Chief Administrative Officer